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**August 31, 2005**

**DRAFT  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**PROJECT SPONSOR**

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, Golden Eagle Refinery, 150 Solano Way, Martinez, California 94553-1487, which is located in the City of Martinez in Contra Costa County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Permit Application Number 11091

The Tesoro Refining Company is proposing to increase the throughput at an existing ethanol storage tank, Tank A-612 (BAAQMD Source Number S-612) from 243,000 to 400,000 barrels per year of ethanol, which can also have up to 5% gasoline. Ethanol replaces the MTBE that used to be blended into gasoline and allows Golden Eagle Refinery to blend the California Air Resources Board gasoline versus sending the gasoline to another terminal and having them blend it.

**DETERMINATION**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, *et seq.*), the District is the Lead Agency for the described project. The District has prepared an Initial Study (attached), and, on the basis of the study, has determined that the project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

**REVIEW PERIOD**

Interested persons are invited to send written comments on the Negative Declaration or Initial Study to Barry G. Young, Supervising Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109 or to [byoung@baaqmd.gov](mailto:byoung@baaqmd.gov). Such comments are to be received by 5:00 pm within 30 days of the date on this notice.